

Minutes
Parks and Recreation Board
April 23, 1991

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on April 23, 1991 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Department, 1500 W. Riverside Drive. Board Members present: Neil Iscoe, Lawrence Britton, Beverly Griffith, Agnes Edwards, James Crump, Charles Gandy, Ron Cartlidge, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Phil Friday and Terry Colgan. Staff present: Carolyn Nelson, Waynette Chan, Col. Leroy Swift, Jody Hamilton, Stuart Strong and Donna Bohls.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. with Beverly Griffith presiding. The minutes of 3/11/91 and 3/26/91 were approved as submitted and 4/8/91 were approved as corrected.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Stowall addressed the Board concerning safety on Lake Austin. He requested that the Board consider instituting a 5 mph no wake zone on Lake Austin from the Westwood Country Club to the Tom Miller Dam and on 1/2 mile either side of the public boat ramp near the Loop 360 Bridge. He also requested consideration of a dusk to dawn curfew and possible jet ski restrictions on Lake Austin. Beverly Griffith referred this request to the Navigation Committee for investigation and a report to the full Board at the May 28th meeting.

Dan Rosetta addressed the Board to bring attention to the buoys from the Rowing Club regatta still in place 8-10 weeks after the event. He requested that the Board consider rescinding permission for motorboats on Town Lake and to disallow the use of bullhorns. Beverly Griffith referred this request to the Navigation Committee for investigation and a report to the full Board at the May 28th meeting.

Several members of the local Rock Climbers association addressed the Board and requested the removal of a cement slab at the base of the natural climbing wall in Bull Creek Park. The slab serves no recreation purpose and has contributed to the injury of several climbers. They also asked that the climbing wall in Zilker Park at the Sunken Gardens be examined and stabilized. Erosion has weakened several sections of the wall at Zilker Park.

Pat Fries addressed the Board and alerted them to the condition of the Barton JC football fields. The area has been littered with trash and the ground severely rutted by driving across wet parkland. Mr. Fries also has organized a Barton Creek Greenbelt cleanup for May 11. Mountain bike riders and local bicycle stores will help with this clean up and local television stations will air public service announcements which Mr. Fries produced himself.

James Crump announced that he will be donating his time to conduct 8 Youth At Risk Climbing Weekends (4 spring and 4 fall). He has selected "Parks Team: Reach for the Sky Project" for the title of this project and will be assisted by other members of the local climbing organization.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Terry Colgan, Chair of the Programs Committee, announced that the Committee had met and reviewed the Department's sources of revenue. The Committee recommended an increase in the Zilker Clubhouse rental rate, hiring a full-time grants person and the establishment of a trust fund to assist with unbudgeted expenses. Mr. Colgan requested that an agenda item be included for the next meeting to consider the Committee's recommendations.

Agnes Edwards reported that she had been reappointed to the Education Consortium by Council. Dr. Edwards brought up the possibility of using Bingo as a fundraiser for adaptive programs.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mrs. Griffith reported that Council had taken action to keep Palm Pool open for the 91 Swim Season. Mrs. Griffith requested that staff keep a breakdown of swimmers at Palm Pool by male/female/children during the upcoming summer.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carolyn Nelson announced that the Treaty Oak would be trimmed of dead wood in the near future. The wood will be cut, dried and stored until the Urban Forestry Board has reviewed proposals for ways to use the wood. Carolyn also announced that Yamaha was interested in having a jet ski tournament in Austin. Details will be brought to the Board at their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Lake Park Trust Fund

The following Board Members were appointed to a Committee to facilitate the setting up of a Town Lake Park Trust Fund: Terry Colgan, Phil Friday, and ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres. Mrs. Griffith requested that Heather Griffith Peterson and Raul Calderon serve as staff for this Committee.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

ErmaLinda Cruz-Torres asked that the naming of the Roy Velasquez Sr. Youth Athletic Complex be placed on the agenda for action at the next evening meeting.

Ron Cartlidge commented on the dangerous situation at the Capitol 10,000 finish line. Deep mud at the finish line this year was a hazard for all the race finishers. He suggested that future races use mulch or other materials to make the finish line safer.

Charles Gandy informed Board Members that the Austin Cycling Association had donated \$200 to the Park Police for summer trail uniforms. June 14 will be the date of the flag dedication ceremony at the Youth Hostel. All Board Members are invited to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.